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ABSTRACT

Presented is the script for a slide tape description of the Margaret Harris Center in DeKalb County, Georgia, a noncategorical program for moderately and severely handicapped infants and children. (CL)

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Slides	Script
	Prologue
Twelve slides of different children with handicaps	In the beginning there were the children Downs Syndrome Deaf Blind Cerebral Palsy Multihandicapped Their problems were not simple If we put them in the MAINSTREAM They would be in the river Without a paddle
13. Cartoon of kids in canoe with no paddle	
14. Front view of Marg. Harris School	Then there was a school Whose children had grown up So it was going to be <u>closed</u>
15. Cartoon of three consultants with balloon saying-------	There were three consultants in special educatio Who said in almost one breath "We need that school, let us have it"
16. Cartoon of cooks 17. Cartoon of printers 18. Cartoon of neighbors	But Food Services wanted it And the Print Shop needed it The neighbors said, "<u>You better put children</u> there"
19. Consultants in cartoon with balloon saying---- "we have the children. Give us the school"	So the consultants said, "All our kids need special services, and really good teaching to help them succeed. Why don't we put the children together, and classify the <u>services</u> we provide, and <u>not</u> the childen they serve."

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20. Cartoon of Piaget (white haired, lion headed Frenchman with beret.)

21. Cartoon of Bruner (Small, thin-haired American with glasses)

22. Grant writing slide

23. Cartoons of consultants talking with Board, University, and offering prayers--

24. Cartoon of teachers, parents, with brooms, mops and buckets

25. Cartoons of three Georgia institutions montaged

26. Bus full of children coming down the road

27. Title Slide
Facade of Margaret Harris Center

So we got our heads together
And we designed a program based on children's needs
Thinking of M. Piaget, who said that "All children go through certain stages."

and Jerome Bruner, who says, doesn't he? that "a child can be taught almost anything if it's presented properly."
Then we wrote a grant
We talked to the Board of Education
We talked to the University
And we talked to the Lord
And they all helped
Two weeks before school opened
we got the grant
we got the program
and we got the school-- what a scramble to get ready!
So we told the parents to come and Bring the Children
And we told the Georgia Retardation Center
And the Regional Hospital
and the Mental Health Institute,
to get those children ready, the bus was coming to pick them up.

Here is Margaret Harris Center
A Public School in DeKalb County, Georgia
The program here is a noncategorical approach

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27. Slides of children and teachers in various activities to 32.	to the education of moderately and severely handicapped children. Children formerly known as Downs Syndrome deaf blind, trainable mentally retarded, Cerebral palsy, Blind retarded, and "THOSE KIDS" are placed developmentally using sensorimotor stages as a yardstick. They come to school on the bus. Special services are provided to the children, who range in age from three to thirteen.
33. Slides of home visit, infant stimulation to Ga. Center diagnosis and DEC Slides 40.	The Parent Infant Program helps parents to talk about their problems and frustrations and to learn how to work with their children The Georgia Center for the Multihandicapped provides psychoeducational diagnosis and evaluation The Developmental Evaluation Clinic offers Infant stimulation, evaluation, and medical services
41. Home Visit	The Home Teacher works with parents at home to provide carryover from the school and to help in home management
42. Slide of Staffing	In the Center the social worker, nurse, teacher resource teachers, therapists, work together to help each child to grow and learn as much as he can... as fast as he can... But THERE's NO RUSH

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43. Occupation Therapist with child in & 44. wheelchair, fitting for special seat.	So Mary Ellen has a special fitting for a chair to fit her needs and to help her hold her head up. The Occupational Therapist will build it so it's just right.
45. Child and Speech therapist swinging his Up	And Chris, who hasn't said a word yet Learns UP,
46. Down	And DOWN
47. Around	And AROUND with the speech therapist.
48. Child using sign lang.	Stacey communicates with Sign Language
49. Nurse using sign lang.	So the Nurse is learning Signs too so she can talk to Stacey.
50. Pilar walking toward camera down the hall	Pilar has just learned to walk without a walker. You are looking at her first few steps alone.
51. Music therapist with guitar in group	The music therapist sings a song of
52. Child washing hands	tooth brushing
53. " " "	hand washing
54. Child on toilet	toilet training
55. Children putting mats away.	cleaning up
	dressing up
56. Boy in hat	sliding down the slide
57. Child sliding down slide	and Holidays, like Christmas
58-61 Holiday slides	and Valentine's
	and Happy Halloween!
62. -64 Social worker with staff, on phone talking to parents	The Social Worker talks with staff visits homes, and talks to parents, doctors, and community agencies.

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65-67. Slides of Mona with evaluation scale with children, teachers	The behavior specialist meets all the children individually evaluating their developmental levels using special scales for assessment, of social abilities, language development, sensorimotor development, behavior, and academics.
68. Slide of rabbit 69. Rabbit in cage	Behavior is important to us. We even have a paper trained rabbit who lives in a classroom. Sometimes he goes to "Time OUt" if he forgets his manners.
70. Charli Sirmans doing visual training 71. Stephanie using braille writer. 72. Nurse Series to 75	Our vision specialist helps children make better use of vision, eye hand coordination visual perceptual training and braille reading and writing. The nurse monitors diet and medication Takes care of the sick Teaches personal hygiene And learns manual communication.
75-78 Motor activities	The motor specialists know all kinds of stunts to keep children moving developing arm and leg muscles
78-80 Yoga slides	building yoga bridges, and making "snakes"
81. Workjob activities 82. " " 83. " "	Some of the students are learning Workjobs as part of their training in Prevocational skills. They do beautiful craft work too.
84. Center Coordinator and School Secretary	The Center Coordinator and the School Secretary keep everything running smoothly.

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85. Children	All the children are moving
/ in	and Growing
/ activities	and learning
/ reading	Reading
/ writing	Writing
numbers	And Arithmetic.
95. art	The teachers are teaching
	and testing
96. Teacher and child crawling	Modeling and staffing
Teachers talking (teaching)	Explaining
to children at tables	Learning
	and working
to	and dancing
	and playing
102.	And everyone is having a wonderful time.
	This is our first year of operation
	at the Margaret Harris Center.
103 Slides of horticulture	Next year, some of the children will
104 Boy with tiller	go into the prevocational program.
	Some will go to classes in general education.
105 Pilar, backview doing down hall	Some will move down the hall to concrete
106 Floor hockey team	operations. Some will play floor hockey.
107) Cheerleaders	Some will lead the cheers.
108)	The program, like the children is in the
	developmental stages. The outside motor
	coordination course is ready to be installed
109 Architect's drawing superimposed on empty room/ or building	during spring vacation. Our home living
	area is on the drawing board. This is what
	it looks like now, but come back next year

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110. Welcome mat	to see parents and children learning homemaking together in our dream house." We hope you can come for a visit.
111. Name and Address of school	The Margaret Harris Center 1634 Knob Hill Drive N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30319 A De Kalb County School
112 - Credits to Dr. Hinson Dr. Turner 115 Consultants in Special Education, Thelma Gregory, Pat Carpenter, Mary Cadora. "The Crew"	

List of Staff at Margaret Harris Center.

THE END